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*Alberta Celebrates Canada's 100th Birthday*



# PROVINCE - WIDE CELEBRATIONS HELD ON JULY 1

Canada's Centennial Year, with all its planning and preparation, reached its climax July 1. The great day had arrived, and it truly was a great day with glorious sunshine beaming down on almost all of Alberta.

The pride of resident citizens of Alberta and touring Canadians from elsewhere in Canada was obvious—people glowed! It was more than a birthday party—almost like a marriage uniting the emotions of the many people witnessing history in the making.

Many communities had planned activities to carry through the entire weekend, commencing with the evening of June 30th. Some plans carried through the week following. Events included young and old and everyone had some place to go, for few persons care to celebrate a birthday alone. Here are some of the highlights of Dominion Day, 1967:

The Centennial Park was officially opened with the unveiling of a plaque at **Alix**. Among dignitaries present were Mr. Richard Secord, of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of the Federal Government; Lieutenant-Governor MacEwan; Mrs. Annie Roland, a 99-year-old resident of the community who officiated in the opening ceremonies; Senator Earl Hastings, and Hon. A. R. Patrick. A chuckwagon breakfast started off the morning and was followed by a colourful parade. Later that day, Alix Lake became the site of water competitions. A concert and choir presentation was given by the RCAF band from Edmonton.

**Bassano** combined Centennial Day activities with the annual rodeo. Events included authentic Indian street dancing, parade, rodeo events, chariot racing, Indian racing and a grandstand variety show. The evening entertainment was topped off with a gay "western type" dance.

**Breton** welcomed July 1st with a bang-up parade followed by ball tournaments, games of chance, bake sale, bingo, a gymkhana and dance.

Highlight of the day was a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the stone gates of Breton's Centennial Park, and the unveiling of a sign by Mr. Jack Riddell of the Department of Youth, the unveiling of a Centennial plaque on the hospital grounds contributed by the 4H club, followed by the presentation of scrolls to residents of Breton and surrounding communities to those over 70 years of age.

**Millet** used Dominion Day to officially open the Centennial Playground and unveil a plaque. Following the official ceremonies, gaily-decorated cars, horses and floats proceeded to the sports grounds where there



*Centennial banners fluttering over platform make colourful sight at Legislative Building gathering.*

was a baseball tournament and local entertainment throughout the day.

**Bow Island's** celebrations were centred around the young people of the community, and two street dances were held June 30. A pancake breakfast preceded the Centennial Parade. Afternoon activities included the official opening of the Centennial Park, sports activities, bingos, games of chance, and the judging of the beard growing contest. A dance ended the fun-filled day.

**Carseland's** Centennial sports day included baseball games, rodeo contests and an evening dance, a chuckwagon breakfast was held early Sunday morning.

A Centennial regatta at **Chestermere Lake** included a variety of water sports, and the day's activities wound up with a dance at which the Regatta Queen was crowned.

Following the parade at **Airdrie**, people enjoyed a fun-filled sports day and picnic.

An Old Time Community Picnic was held by the **Glendale** and **Bearspaw** districts. A talent show as well as sports events, and a bon-fire were some of the highlights of their Centennial Day.

In **Calgary** scores of thousands feasted on a city-wide smorgasbord of spectacle and entertainment ranging from a parade and open air square dancing to massed band concerts and military displays concluding with fireworks.

Mayor J. C. Leslie opened the city's own birthday present by using an iron ball and chain to smash down a papier mache brick wall obstructing the entrance to the auditorium of the spectacular new Centennial Planetarium.

The special presentation, "This Land is Our Land," written by Planetarium Director S. Weiser was shown free to the public as a continuing birthday treat for the rest of July.

On Sunday afternoon a great outdoor inter-faith service of thanksgiving was held at the **Calgary Stampede** grandstand.

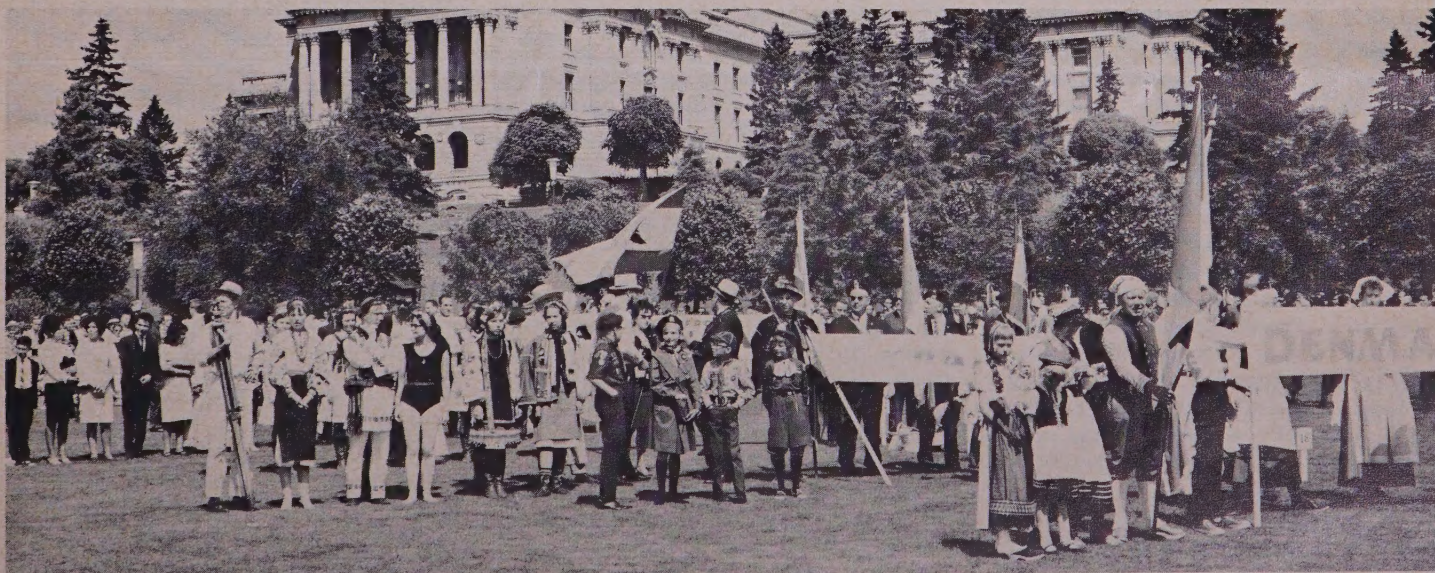
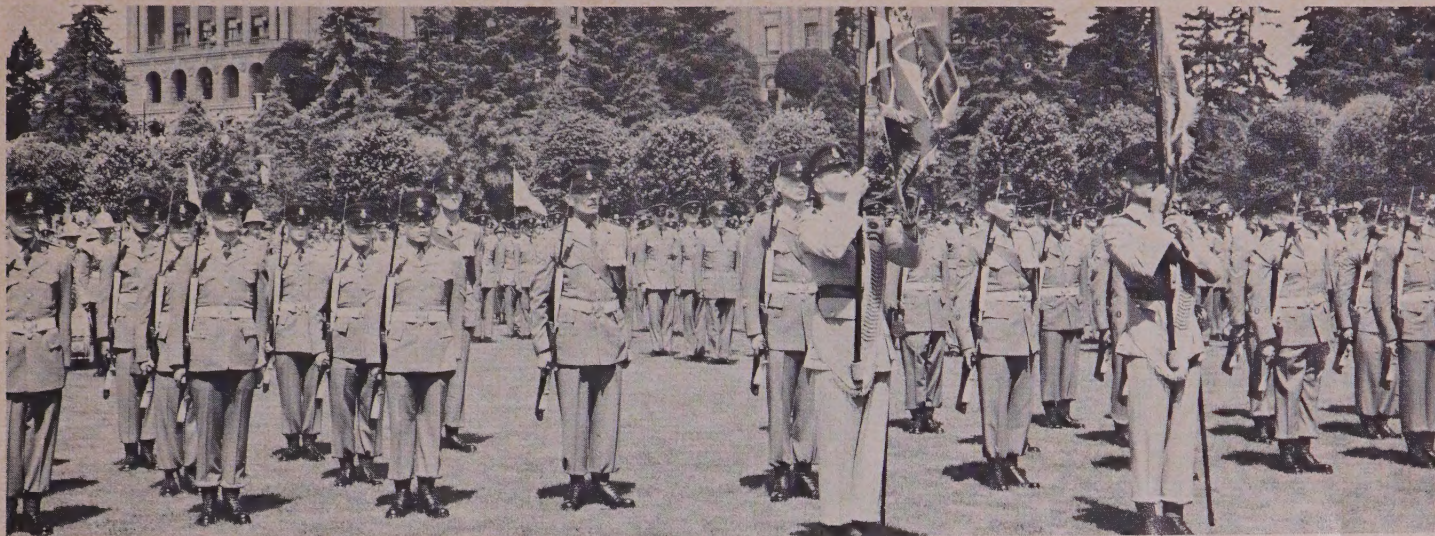
A parade of floats, bands, clowns, old timers and pretty girls got **Camrose** residents off to a good start July 1st. The Camrose and District Museum was officially opened at 11:00 a.m. Mayor F. M. Smith, Reeve A. Olson, Chester Sayers, M.L.A. and Cliff Smallwood, MP, were among the dignitaries present for this occasion. Over forty persons, led by the mayor and his wife, received their Canadian Citizenship papers from Judge Orval Allen of the Citizenship Court.

Afternoon activities included competition in old fashioned dress for the ladies and a confederation whisker contest for the gents. The costumes were most attractive and imaginative, ranging from beautiful flowing gowns of days gone by to one tiny tot, two years old, dressed as an Indian with a loincloth and wearing a feather in his hair. The whisker contest netted the winner a prize of \$500. Also included in the events was a giant barbeque and various sporting events; the day drew to a close with a grandstand concert, followed by many presentations to organizations and persons who have brought recognition to Camrose during Centennial year.

The arrival of the Confederation Caravan at **Drayton Valley** and **Evansburg** during the July 1st weekend added to the festivities planned for local residents. Evansburg had a wide range of entertainment including a

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Units of Canada's Armed Forces (top) took a prominent part in July 1 celebrations. Centre left is the Dutch Barrel Organ presented as a Centennial gift to the City of Edmonton by the Dutch-Canadian Association, and at right

Mayor Dantzer, Lieutenant-Governor MacEwan and Premier Manning cut the 1,600-pound Centennial birthday cake. Below are some of the ethnic groups formed up for the ceremonies at the Legislative Building grounds.



# Exciting Weekend Held Throughout Province

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parade, golf tournament, dances, gymkhana and many sporting events.

A fun filled sports day coupled with picnics were planned for Tomahawk with district communities including Drayton Valley, Glen Park, Strawberry, Warburg, Thorsby and Telfordville participating in tournaments.

Several larger communities have arranged to make welcome the first baby born in the district with the presentation of gifts.

"Coming Out" parties, including a variety of entertainment topped off with fireworks displays at seven locations throughout Edmonton June 30th began what was to become a most exciting, exhausting weekend of activity. The morning of July 1st crowds gathered at the Legislative grounds, where centennial celebrations were presented by the Alberta Centennial Committee in co-operation with the Edmonton Civic Centennial Committee and the Canadian Armed Forces. It made for a beautiful picture.

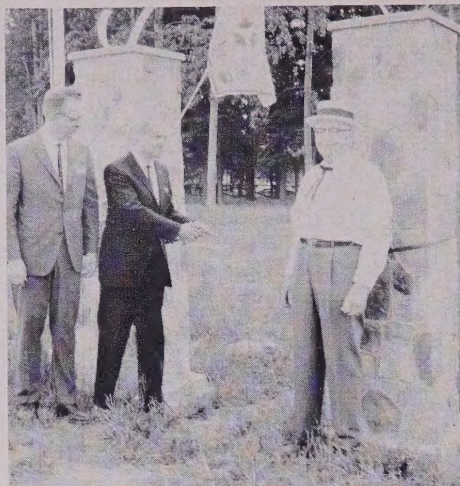
Many bands performed, majorettes went through their drills, various national groups dressed in the costume of their ancestors, speeches by officials, recognition of outstanding services, an RCAF fly-past, the boom of the 100-gun salute and the release of hundreds of helium filled balloons highlighted the morning's activities.

Following this program, the people paraded downtown to the Winston Churchill Square, where further ceremonies were held at the front of City Hall. Several speakers were heard, a Dutch Street Barrel Organ was presented to the City, a fashion show depicting various eras throughout the past 100 years was shown, and a variety of entertainment presented by young and old was climaxed by the cutting of the gigantic 1600-pound birthday cake.

Some of the officials present for this occasion were Lt. Gov. J. W. Grant McEwan, Premier E. C. Manning, Mayor V. Dantzer, Hon. Ambrose Holowach, and representatives from the civic, provincial and federal Centennial committees. Saturday evening a fireworks display drew crowds to the river valley area. The weekend Centennial plans concluded with a massed bands retreat at the Legislative grounds Sunday evening.

Many private clubs and organizations took advantage of the weekend to hold annual events and reunions in the holiday atmosphere.

The Pioneer Museum at Idlesleigh was officially opened by H. A. ("Bud") Olson, M.P., on July 1st. Speakers, songs, potluck



*Jack Riddel, of the Alberta Department of Youth, cut the ribbon across the stone gateway to officially open the Breton Centennial Park on July 1.*

lunches, gymkhana, Centennial films, sports events, novelty races and an Inter-Faith Service highlighted activities planned for this southern Alberta community.

The kick-off in Lethbridge consisted of the welcoming of dignitaries, Centennial stock car race, concert by various groups, sing-along led by Bill Kergan, all taking place Friday evening. A torchlight parade followed by fireworks and dancing till 3:00 a.m. got local residents in the right mood for a weekend of festivities, which included an RCAF fly-past, motorcycle parade, 100 gun-salute, official opening of the Lethbridge Kinsmen's Fort Whoop-Up, an Indian pageant, hill climbing and lawn bowling competitions, and square dances.

An old time parade preceded the 62nd annual Millarville Races on Dominion Day. Senator Harry Hays officially opened the one-day meet. Track and field events, barbeques and dances were added activities.

A most colourful parade passed through Medicine Hat with representation from many district communities on July 1st. Also on the agenda for the day was a cross country foot race, the RCAF fly-past, inter-faith service, barbeque, band concert, variety shows, sporting events and two dances. The official opening of the museum was also one of the attractions of the day.

A Centennial Dress Ball June 30th welcomed residents and visitors to Peace River. The Heart River Fishing Derby got off to a good start at 5:30 a.m. July 1st, this event was followed by a pancake breakfast. After-

noon activities included official ceremonies, a childrens' Centennial Athletic Contest, band concerts, Twelve-Foot Davis' Grave run, canoe race, ball tournaments, various sporting competitions and local variety shows. A giant beef barbeque followed by a dance ended the day's activities.

Ponoka held their annual Rodeo July 1st. A variety of events and competitions were concluded by a dance held in the evening.

A Dominion Day Parade, followed by a program of most everything from baseball to midway rides, highlight events at Tofield.

A Garden Party followed the colourful parade at Wetaskiwin. Prizes were awarded to people wearing the best costumes.

The biggest and best parade ever held in Provost was the focal point of Centennial Day Events in that community. Raffles, contests, helicopter rides, beef barbeque and dancing kept the people of Provost in the holiday spirit.

Canada's 100th Birthday Party in Red Deer started off with a parade to the fairgrounds where visiting and local dignitaries awaited its arrival. Speakers frequently referred to milestones in the history of Canada, directing their remarks to the children in particular.

Family picnics, sporting events, horse shows, antique car rally, band concerts and lots of street dancing for all were among events during the day. Recognition awards were distributed at a civic luncheon, many local persons were honoured at the gathering.

Innisfail held their annual Little Britches Rodeo on the weekend.

A pancake breakfast in St. Paul attracted many early-risers, prior to the Centennial parade. Riding events, ladies' goat tying, pony chariot racing, barrel racing, pole bending and other events comprised the afternoon gymkhana program. The sports day activities were centred around the baseball tournament.

On Saturday, July 1st, Sports Days were held in Sedgewick and Daysland with a variety of sporting events and entertainment for those attending.

The Spruce View - Markerville area began celebrations with a pancake breakfast followed by a parade. A ball game, gymkhana and children's sports activities rounded off

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## New Historical Museum Opened At Medicine Hat

A crowd of over 300 gathered June 19th to watch the official opening of Medicine Hat's new Historical Museum, as the guest of honour, Lt.-Gov. Grant MacEwan cut the ribbon and assisted in a tree-planting ceremony in front of the modern building.

Made possible through special city, provincial, and federal Centennial funds, the new Historical Museum has been a long time dream of its founding body, the Medicine Hat Historical Society.

The low brick building now houses displays featuring Pre-historic, Indian, and pioneer artifacts from the area, as well as a complete log cabin. The cabin, which formed the old Historical Museum, has four rooms furnished as a homestead might be. There's

everything from a remittance man's tin bath tub to parts from an old cellar still.

Since opening day, the Historical Museum has proved a great success with tourists and townspeople alike, drawing hundreds of interested visitors. Located at the junction of Highways No. 1 and No. 3, the Museum is open 7 days a week; summer hours from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Another Centennial project closely related to the Museum is the organizing and publishing of a book of Medicine Hat's colourful past. Entitled "Saamis" (the Blackfeet word for Medicine Hat) the book has been written by Senator F. W. Gershaw, noted Alberta historian. The book will be in the stores by September. •

## Buildings Opened And Programs Held

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the day's events. Sunday an interdenominational church service was held.

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A group of four boats from Rimbey, five from Buffalo Lake region, two from Drumheller and seven from Red Deer, made up the brigade of 50 Boy Scouts that paddled down the river on the July 1st weekend. Quite an experience for the fellows, roughing it in the water and on the shore.

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Confederation Park, Taber's centennial project, was officially opened July 1st. The day's festivities got under way with a pancake and sausage breakfast, followed by an interdenominational church service. Afternoon events included a baseball tournament, horseshoe games, and soccer matches. An old-time dance was held in the evening.

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June 28th opened the Vauxhall Rodeo. A Centennial Rodeo Ball was held June 30th during which the car raffle draw was made. The parade held July 1st was unique in that no mode of conveyance was used other than models used before the turn of the century, people dressed in old-time costume.

Following the parade activities included an old timers' picnic, ball games, horseshoe tossing, children's races, sing-song participation, band concerts, a senior citizens' supper and a community church service.

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Vermilion's Centennial Day events were varied and entertaining. The new Animal Science Complex of the V.A.V.C. was officially opened, and paintings presented to the college were received by Mr. J. E. Hawker, Director of Agricultural Education for Alberta. Graduation exercises were held in the afternoon, followed by a band concert and a fly past by 4 Starfighters from the Cold Lake Air Base. A strawberry tea was served on the rock garden lawn of the college. Honourable Fred Colborne, Minister of Public Works, officiated at the opening of the new swimming pool by cutting the ribbon. Sporting events, a saddle club display and dancing were on the agenda for the day. At 11:15 all entertainment centred on the grandstand area, a huge bonfire was lit to herald out the big day. On Sunday, the Vermilion Provincial Park was officially opened for the summer, followed by an Interdenominational service of worship. The Salvation Army Band from Edmonton presented a concert later in the afternoon, fol-

lowed by an open pit barbecue served in the park.

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Following the parade all activity moved to the sports grounds at Vulcan. The feature competition was a hose laying contest with firemen from High River, Claresholm, Nanton, Okotoks, Fort Macleod and Vulcan participating. Midway rides, concession stands, baseball and horseshoe tournaments and a mammoth barbecue highlighted their Centennial Day.

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Camp Wainwright celebrated July 1st in a special way when it acted as host to the people of the whole community for a gigantic party held at Mott Lake. The sports day was highlighted by races in boats and on bicycles. An afternoon gymkhana provided for contests of all types for all ages and cash prizes were awarded to the winners. Delicious barbecued beef satisfied the keen appetites of all in attendance.

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July 1st started with a fly-past of float planes and ended with a street dance 14 hours later at Yellowknife, N.W.T. A monster parade, carnival for the youngsters, baseball tournament, and stock car races were features of the day. The Canadian Coast Guard vessel, Eckaloo was open for inspection during most of the afternoon which particularly fascinated the children. •



# Alberta Armed Forces Caravan Tours Province

Canada's Armed Forces play an important part in the lives of all Canadians, as exemplified by the contribution made by Canada's Servicemen in the development and the defence of the country in the past and their contribution today to the preservation of peace in the world. It is fitting, therefore, that Canada's Armed Forces play an important part in Centennial celebrations, one which will be memorable, and one of which Canadians can be proud.

The Armed Forces in Alberta, in addition to providing troops and bands for over 100 Centennial Community Events, are producing the Alberta Armed Forces Caravan as their principle contribution to Centennial celebrations.

The Caravan is a combination of a static display section and stage show. The display section, consisting of five 50-foot trailers in addition to outdoor equipment exhibits, will portray some of the history of the Armed

Forces, the roles and functions of several units stationed in Alberta.

The show section of the Caravan, comprising 10 different acts, is filled with action and variety and will be about 1½ hours long. The show will feature such action events as a mortar gun race, a gymnastic display team, and unarmed combat display, a quick dis-assembly and assembly jeep, and an act depicting the development of military drill. The colourful and famous Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Regimental Band will be on hand to entertain the spectators with martial and popular music and intricate drill manoeuvres. The finale will be the traditional Retreat ceremony, when all members of the cast will be in the performing arena.

Performance dates are as follows: Spirit River—August 2, Peace River—August 3, McLennan—August 5, Grande Prairie—August 7, Valleyview—August 8, White-

court—August 9, Barrhead—August 12, Red Deer—August 14, Caroline—August 15, Bashaw—August 16, Camrose—August 17, Vermilion—August 19, Wainwright—August 20, Jasper—August 24 and 25, Banff—August 27 and 28, Drumheller—September 2, Medicine Hat—September 4, Pincher Creek—September 6 and 7, Blairmore—September 8, \*Coaldale—September 9, Picture Butte—September 11, Vauxhall—September 12, Brooks—September 13, Strathmore—September 15, Sundre—September 17, \*Castor—September 19, Killam—September 20, Fort Saskatchewan—September 23, Athabasca—September 25, \*Redwater—September 27, Sherwood Park—September 29, \*Stony Plain—September 30.

\*NOTE: At those locations marked with an asterisk there will be no performance of the show. At these locations a band performance will be held instead.

## 9-Pounder Gun Saw Service With Alberta Field Force During Rebellion Of 1885

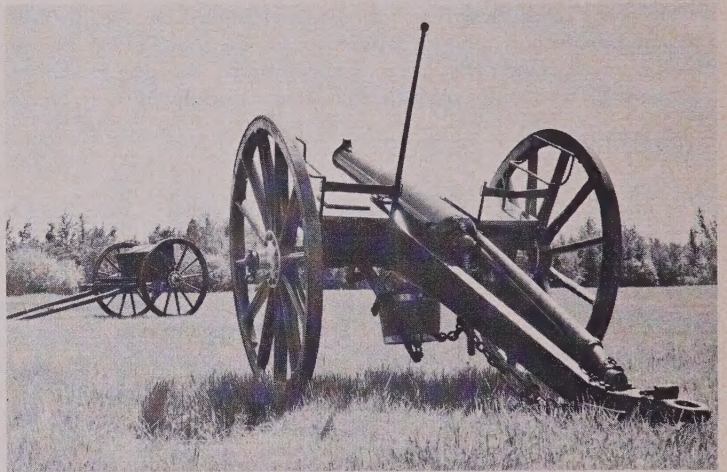
"Old soldiers never die!" That is what the adage says and in this case it is true. 224 Workshop Royal Canadian Electrical Mechanical Engineers of Canadian Forces Base Edmonton has, as a centennial project, refurbished a 9-pounder rifled, muzzle-loading field gun believed to be the sole survivor of General Strange's Alberta Field Forces of 1885.

This veteran of the campaign will once again travel the trails of Alberta with the Alberta Armed Forces Caravan which will be touring over 30 Alberta communities during August and September. The gun, on loan to the Department of National Defence for this purpose, will be returned to the Edmonton Archives when the Caravan has completed its centennial tour.

The only artillery used by the Alberta Field Force in the Indian and Metis rebellion of 1885 was a 9 pounder belonging to North West Mounted Police Detachment stationed at Fort Macleod. When the detachment was ordered to join the Field Force in the spring of 1885, the gun was taken along. The Force formed up in Calgary and made a difficult spring journey to Edmonton. The gun was nearly lost to the swollen and swift waters of the Red Deer River but the bravery of the police commander, Major Perry, saved it from destruction in the rapids.

On arrival in Edmonton, the gun became the main armament of Alberta's first "navy". The flag ship of this navy was a river scow christened the Big Bear. The gun was lashed to the bow of the scow and armour protection was provided by barrels and sacks of beef, pork, flour, and other supplies being piled high on the sides of the Big Bear.

In early May, the tiny fleet of four boats started down the Saskatchewan River in pursuit of the rebels, said to be in the Fort Pitt area. When the force arrived at Fort Pitt on May 25th, 1885, the fort was a smoking ruin. The force left the boats at this point and started across country in the direction of Frenchman Butte.



On the way, a band of Indians was encountered and the gun was unlimbered and fired. The Indians withdrew.

At 6:30 a.m., May 28th, about one and one-half miles from Frenchman Butte, General Strange's force again encountered Indians. The fight which followed is called the Battle of Frenchman Butte, or sometimes, Stand-Off-Couleee.

The Indians occupied a cleverly fortified position with their main force concealed in lines of rifle pits. The gun fired both solid shot and shrapnel into the Indian lines and an infantry attack was mounted. There was no lessening of fire from the Indian positions. General Strange, out-numbered and plagued by the memory of General Custer's fate, decided to withdraw and await re-enforcements.

Soon after this, the leaders of the rebellion were captured and peace in the Prairies was restored. The gun's fighting career was finished.

After the Rebellion, the gun spent some time at the Police Barracks in Regina and was then given in trust to the Old Timers Association in Edmonton. The gun stood for many years in a place of honour in front of the Edmonton Old Timers Cabin before being handed to the Edmonton Archives.





John Patrick Gillese (left), Editor in Chief of "CHINOOK ARCH", the Alberta Centennial Anthology, presented the first copy off the press to Premier Manning.

## First Copy Of Centennial Anthology Is Presented To Premier Manning

First copy off the press of "CHINOOK ARCH", the Centennial Anthology published as a joint project of the Edmonton branch of the Canadian Authors' Association and the Government of Alberta, was presented to the Hon. E. C. Manning by John Patrick Gillese, Editor-in-Chief.

The Anthology consists entirely of the works of Alberta authors which have, for the most part, appeared in publications all over Canada and abroad, comprising a unique literary treasure—a "living history" of the province and its people, told by its own authors.

Short stories and articles by Grant MacEwan, J. G. MacGregor, W. O. Mitchell,

Sheila MacKay Russell, Iris Allan, Frances Shelly Wees and many others share the pages of the Anthology with the poems of Marie Jakober, Nancy Clegg, Barbara Villy Cormack, and the fabulous pictorial record of the province's history contained in the Ernest Brown and Harry Pollard collections.

In addition to Mr. Gillese, the editorial board consisted of Dr. W. G. Hardy as fiction editor, Margaret Coleman Johnson as features editor, and associates Dr. J. W. Chalmers, June Fritch, Dorothy Barnhouse, Thelma Gillese and James W. Fritch.

"Chinook Arch" is on sale in all book stores and department stores in Alberta, or may be ordered from the Queen's Printer, Edmonton, at \$5.00 a copy. •

## St. Albert Opens Centennial Library

Twenty years of using make-do facilities came to an end when Lieutenant Governor J. W. Grant MacEwan officially opened the \$85,000 St. Albert Centennial Library on June 24. The library is the official project under the Federal-Provincial Grants Program, and was financed by grants from both federal and provincial governments as well as Winter Works and public and private subscription.

The modern glass walled building features an open stairway connecting the two floors, and provides 6,000 square feet of floor space, with the main floor housing the separate Children's Library, the Reading Room and the Reference Library. The lower floor features the Main Library, the Art Exhibit area, and the Lecture Room.

Several St. Albert groups and individuals have donated many and varied items to the library. Forty-two local ladies banded together and collected more than 4,000 books in a house-to-house campaign. The Father Lacombe Chapter of the I.O.D.E. is presenting a Fountain. The Beta Sigma Phi is buying a 16 mm sound projector for use in the Library Lecture Room. St. Albert Optometrist, Dr. Norman Dolman, has donated a screen. The C.W.L. is sponsoring an Art Show from which they will select and purchase a painting to be presented to the Library. The Chamber of Commerce is providing a Business Reference Section. Reading chairs have been purchased by the 5th St. Albert Brownie Pack and the 1st St. Albert Brownie Pack. A reference section for Guides and Brownies, which will include books of special interest and a subscription to the Brownie magazine "Alive", will be sponsored by the 7th St. Albert Brownie Pack.

An abstract sculpture of Father Lacombe will grace the Library grounds. This is the personal Centennial Project of local resident, Guy Voyer. Mr. Voyer has been working for many months on the 8 feet by 4 feet sculpture which is made out of various metals, broken up into different angles. Metals used are stainless steel, bronze, brass, and copper. Mr. Voyer describes the sculpture, which features interior lighting, as a "reflection of lights". •

DOMINION TEXTILE CENTENNIAL SCHOLARSHIPS, just announced, will open the door to a university education in Arts, Science, Commerce or Engineering to young men and women of the regions surrounding Dominion Textile's plants—eight in Quebec and one at Long Sault in Ontario.





## LETHBRIDGE BOARDS COMBINE IN PROJECTS

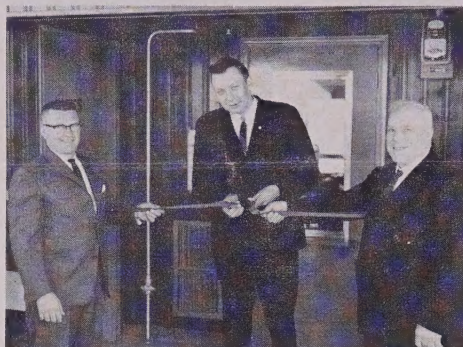
The Separate and Public schools of Lethbridge have worked together on two city-wide Centennial projects. The first dealt, in dramatic form, with the story of Canada. Each school chose a specific topic from Canadian history. Scripts were frequently written by the students themselves and the productions were staged first in the home school. Later plays were exchanged among groups of neighbouring schools so that a large number of children could see one.

Great variety marked the choice of topics, which ranged extensively from the early French period to the present and forecasts of the future. Plays dealt with individual experiences as different as those of Marguerite de Roberval and Lady MacDonald, while others told the story of colonization of the country by the Selkirk Settlers, the explorations of Groseilliers and Radisson, the building of the C. P. R. and the life and works of Pauline Johnson.

Methods of presentation were distinguished by a good deal of originality. Paterson Junior High School produced "Sixteen Scenes from Canadian History"—a tableau play with narrators, which was repeated four times. "Laura Secord" (Agnes Davidson Elementary) and "Building the Canadian Pacific Railway (Fleetwood Elementary) were shadow plays, while "Madeline de Vercheres" (Senator Buchanan) was a dramatization of that famous story. "The Red River Settlers" (George McKillop Elementary) was a pageant play using narration, music and dialogue.

It is hoped that this exchange of plays with their emphasis on Canada's fascinating story will help to make the Centennial year a memorable experience for all. The Exchange timetable was prepared by Leonard McKenzie and Ted Morrison.

The second co-operative project was a Centennial parade held on June 9. Each school prepared a float. Twelve represented the provinces and territories. Each of the remaining schools used a topic connected



*On July 5, the Mayerthorpe Centennial Swimming Pool was officially opened in ceremonies held in conjunction with the visit to that town of the Centennial Caravan. Cutting the ribbon is the Hon. Robert Clark, Minister of Youth, aided by Centennial Committee Chairman D. Gylander, left, and Mayerthorpe Mayor D. Montemurro.*

## Alberta Place Mats Available On Request

Beautifully designed and coloured place mats are available on a first-come basis at the Alberta Centennial Office, Legislative Building, Edmonton, to those non-commercial organizations scheduling lunches or dinners during the balance of the Centennial year.

The place mats, on a rich blue background, feature the Alberta Rose floral emblem in the centre, and bear the inscription "1867-1967" and "Alberta". The decorative tablepieces are of plastic and will endure much use without sign of wear.

When ordering, please state number of mats required.

with Canada's hundred years. Bands were supplied by the High Schools and Junior High Schools. Arrangements were under the direction of Lloyd Flaig and Ellis Velker. •

## KLONDIKE TRAIL OF '97 IS CENTENNIAL WALK

As a Centennial project, two Swan Hills residents, Norman Wheeler and James Palmer, set out from Fort Assiniboine on June 11, to walk part of the original Klondike Trail of '97. They completed their hike near High Prairie on June 23. This is their account of the expedition:

We hiked from Fort Assiniboine to a point just east of High Prairie at the west end of Lesser Slave Lake, over some of the roughest country in Northern Alberta, something like one hundred and fifty miles.

This was a very interesting trip with many signs that prove it to be the Old Klondike Trail of 1896-97, it was possibly used to some extent for a few years after this time by Indian traffic to Lake St. Anne's summer meetings.

Over the full length of the old trail on every creek and muskeg are short and long stretches of corridor and at some river crossings are signs of bridges and camp sites. At two points we saw parts of wagons, possibly a break down that was unrepairable at such a point on the trail and so just left by the wayside.

As for graves, only one drew our attention, about mile 37, although we know there were some nearer the starting point but we failed to find them.

A tree with 1897 carved vertically was a very interesting find, as were a few more markings on trees, but these we could not read, or understand. Remains of old cabins are to be seen.

We have in our possession a smoking pipe that is quite the worse for wear being well used before it was lost, then the elements left their mark before found by us as we worked our way up the south slope of Deer Mountain, elevation about 3700 feet.

As for the trail itself, it varies often and in many ways. It continuously twists to avoid sharp hills and muskeg. You may travel for miles in pine and scrub spruce, then short stretches over muskeg to the next ridge which may be covered with poplar and buck brush, or back into pine again.

The big game was not too plentiful but fresh signs were every where. Birds we did see and hear at all times, many still nesting or with their young. They quite often tried to lead us, trying to protect the young.

The streams along and over which this old trail crosses at times appeared like a fisherman's dream. We would have liked to have tried for a fish, but our main concern seemed to be to make another mile, as it was a very long walk and we were hiking, not fishing. •



# Centennial Building Opened At Vegreville

By MRS. K. ZUK

In spite of pouring rain a capacity crowd gathered for the opening of the Vegreville Centennial Building. The guest speaker was J. G. MacGregor, historian and author. Mayor J. Koshuta lit the candle on a centennial cake, and the flame remained till the end of the program. The plaque which was unveiled was curtained with Alberta Tartan. The little girl who pulled the cord wore a pleated skirt of the same material.

A local children's choir sang Bobby Gimby's "Canada" and another number called "One Hundred Years Young". When the program ended, coffee, tea, and an all Canadian ingredient cake were served.

The walls of the auditorium were covered with centennial displays. In the background there hung 12 centennial motif quilts and one bedspread. There was a display of garments made of tartans and centennial rose patterns done by local high school classes. Then followed an Indian and Eskimo display, with pieces of art immediately behind the artifacts, which included a genuine ookpik and two ookpik toys, together with soapstone and ivory carvings and Eskimo dolls.

Under the label of "Contribution to Canadian Arts and Crafts" were crafts from Ukraine, Norway, Romania, Slovakia. Under another label, "Adaptation of Cross-stitch to Canadian-Style Garments" were various blouses.

There was an album of provincial parliament buildings and Canadian Prime Ministers, presented by the Vegreville Home and School Association to the local school. Then followed coloured pictures by the Canadian Group of Seven artists.

The focal centre of interest was a picture of the Queen set by the local chapter I.O.D.E. which supports the local public library. Books by local authors, the guest speaker, J. G. MacGregor, by Lieutenant Governor MacEwan, and a set of Centennial editions were placed on each side of the picture.

A set of coloured pictures showing backgrounds, flowers, flags and emblems of Canadian provinces added a note of interest along with three pictures by the Canadian illustrator, Raynor Senior. There was a map of Old Vegreville done by an old-timer, John Leach. (Vegreville's beginnings were about six miles south of the present site.) There was an old school bell, and a booklet called "One Hundred Facts About Vegreville" which was put together by the local Junior High School and edited by the principal. The Vegreville firemen loaned historical pictures, as did the Sisters of the local St. Joseph's Hospital. There was a plate and cup and saucer with the Alberta rose pattern, while the artificial Centennial roses were arranged in a vase.

One table was labelled "Woman's World". Here were different articles used by pioneer women. Another table featured stuffed Canadian birds, the work of a local taxidermist.

Articles made of the Alberta Tartan by the Rehabilitation Centre were also featured. The Centennial flower of Vegreville, the pansy, drew a lot of attention, with a ceramic pansy brooch, pansy wrapping paper, and a pansy patterned cream and sugar, as well as a bouquet arranged in a low vase.

The auditorium was suitably decorated with provincial emblems and Centennial symbols.

The Vegreville Centennial Building had its beginnings in 1913 when the first armory was built by the Department of National Defence. This old armory was demolished in 1953-54. On April 28th, 1954, this present building was opened by the then Minister of National Defence, the Honourable Brooke Claxton. For a



Pictured here is the Centennial Symbol in provincial floral emblems, the project of the 1st Leduc Girl Guide Company. Mrs. J. Taylor, Captain of the Company is at the left, with Lieutenant Mrs. R. Arth on the right. Mrs. Taylor describes the project:

"The project was started last February and required the Provincial flower of each province from a Girl Guide Company in each of our ten provinces, Yukon and Northwest Territories. Through correspondence and hard work and splendid co-operation of the Provincial Commissioners of these provinces it is now complete, and what is very important, we have formed a link of Girl Guiding across the Dominion of Canada for Centennial Year.

Guides of the Company wrote thank you notes, and Alberta wild rose, title tape and Girl Guide Alberta Crest has been sent as a return favor to the Companies which sent the emblems of Provinces."

## Handicraft Exhibition Planned

A Centennial Handicraft Exhibition sponsored jointly by the Arts and Crafts Association and the Women's Institute will be presented on the occasion of the visit of the Centennial Caravan to Fort Saskatchewan on October 1st and 3rd.

The Arts and Crafts Association will display a fine group of ceramics, art-work, millinery, lapidary and basketry. Household articles, articles of clothing or artifacts of one hundred years of age or more will also be on display.

There will be awards in every category of needlework, with special awards offered for entries of persons 60 years old and over. Judging of authentic Centennial costumes will be held on Sunday, October 1.

Entries are invited, and information may be obtained from Mrs. E. G. McLaughlin or Mrs. H. Pollard of Fort Saskatchewan. •

number of years the militia used the building, but very little opportunity was given the community to utilize the facility.

Last year, in co-operation with the federal and provincial government, the Town of Vegreville acquired the property to fulfill the major project of commemorating Canada's Centennial Year and to provide what is hoped will become the recreation and cultural centre of the town.

The Centennial Building as this building is now known will be under the management of the Vegreville Recreation Board and its use and development by individuals and groups is encouraged by the Board. •





*At Rocky Mountain House Centennial Day, Lieutenant-Governor J. W. Grant MacEwan shared honours with the Hon. A. J. Hooke as they initiated a tree-planting program, officially opened the Centennial Park by cutting a*

*ribbon and unveiling plaques, and opened the Confederation Caravan. The Kinettes of Rocky Mountain House presented playground equipment to the park, and the Dutch-Canadians erected a windmill at the park entrance.*

## Barrhead And District Compile Long List Of Centennial Events

The Barrhead Kinsmen Club undertook and completed Barrhead's main Centennial project: the installation of an artificial ice plant in the Barrhead Arena.

The Barrhead Historical Society undertook to establish a museum for this area.

The Barrhead and District Centennial Committee introduced the Centennial Year with a New Year's Eve dance.

Mossie Community Club undertook a centennial project by providing a new community centre in that district.

The C.G.I.T. girls sponsored a centennial tea in November of 1966. Their basic centennial project, however, was the publishing of a yearbook, edited by Bev Koehli, which has been well received.

The Barrhead and District Centennial Committee sponsored the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra. Those who attended reported a most enjoyable evening.

The Barrhead Figure Skating Club presented their annual Ice Carnival which was characterized by a centennial theme. The event drew excellent crowds.

The Barrhead Elementary School is proud of its centennial choir. The idea of this choir was originated by Mr. Tupper and has been very capably directed by Mrs. P. Donnelly.

Mrs. Pickrell's grade IV class has prepared a history of Barrhead. It is an interesting report for a group of this age bracket.

The Barrhead Ministerial Association sponsored an Inter-denominational service in Barrhead, and a good attendance was recorded.

The Town of Barrhead is preparing a park within the Town limits. This will prove a beautiful addition to Main Street.

The Barrhead and District Centennial Committee with the Barrhead Chamber of Commerce and the Barrhead County, have

arranged for Centennial decorations for Barrhead and district.

The United Church Women have undertaken a project by planting trees on the Nursing Home grounds.

The Barrhead Historical Society is publishing a book regarding the history of Barrhead and district.

The Rotary Club of Barrhead has dressed up the town with flowers and trees, placed in large drums on main street. The club also sponsored a trip to Expo for Miss Janice Bentz.

The Fish and Game Branch here have undertaken a major project in the development of a park at Peanut Lake, with the assistance of the Barrhead County.

High School: The sending of 28 students to Expo; Red Cross planting of trees; purchasing of centennial plaques; purchasing and raising of 2 centennial flags; 68 students received Citizenship papers; graduation (with Centennial theme); selling of house numbers; \$100 scholarship to Student of The Year, by Students' Union.

A.T.A.: Helping sponsor Barrhead His-

torical Society History Book (\$500). Home and School Donations (\$300); Grade XII Prizes (\$200).

St. John's Lutheran Church held their Centennial Sunday on July 9 in the Stehlin Auditorium.

Freedom Community Club: A reunion of all former members of the community was planned for the last Sunday in June.

Lunnford Community Club: An Old-timers picnic was organized for July 16, to which all present and past members of the community were invited.

The Barrhead Choral Society presented their centennial program in April and the event was very well received. A great deal of work went into the production by Sister Mary and others.

The Home Economics Dept. of the Barrhead School system presented a fashion show, characterized by fashions reflecting the past 100 years.

The Light Horse Association of this area held a Gymkhana and rodeo July 1 weekend. This group is also organizing a pony express from Westlock to Barrhead for later in the centennial year.

The Barrhead County is planting trees within the area, in an effort to beautify as well as check erosion hazards for future years.



*The High Prairie Centennial Library was officially opened on July 11, when the Hon. R. C. Clark, Minister of Youth, cut the ribbon. The opening marked the "kick-off" of a three day program for the High Prairie Homecoming.*



# CENTENNIAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## AUGUST

1	Centennial "Indian Day"	Bassano
1- 5	Red Deer Fair and Exhibition and Historic Railway Lines Display	Reed Deer
1	Hanna and District Agric. Society Centennial Garden Competition	Hanna
2	Centennial Day	Beiseker
2- 3	Donnelly, Falher and Girouxville Agric. Fair and Centennial Celebrations	Girouxville
2	Alberta Armed Forces Caravan	Spirit River
2	"Golden Centennaires"	Medicine Hat
3	Alberta Armed Forces Caravan	Peace River
3	Centennial National Youth Orchestra	Edmonton
4	Centennial National Youth Orchestra	Calgary
4- 5	Alberta Armed Forces Caravan	McLennan
4- 5	Centennial Settlers Days	Coaldale
4	Centennial Celebrations and Official Opening of Centennial Projects	Carmangay
5	Centennial 'Copter Project Visit	Medicine Hat
5	Golden Centennaires Air Show	Edmonton
5- 6	Dedication of Centennial Centre and Celebrations	Irma
5	Official Opening of Centennial Wading Pool	Falher
6- 7	Alberta Armed Forces Caravan	Grande Prairie
7	Civic Centennial Celebrations	Grande Prairie
7	Dedication of Confederation Park	Calgary
7	Civic Centennial Celebrations	Irma
7	Civic Centennial Celebrations	Lamont
7	Alberta International Air Show "Centennaires"	Red Deer
7	Civic Centennial Celebrations	Ft. McMurray
7- 9	County Fair Days—Military Pageant and Exhibits	Grande Prairie
7- 8	Agricultural Fair and Rodeo and Centennial Celebrations	Athabasca
7	Firemen's Centennial Sports Day	Swan Hills
8	Alberta Armed Forces Caravan	Valleyview
9	Alberta Armed Forces Caravan	Whitcourt
10-13	Centennial Historical Trail Ride and Corn Festival	Medicine Hat
11-12	Centennial Horticultural Show	Medicine Hat
12	Alberta Armed Forces Caravan	Barrhead
14	Alberta Armed Forces Caravan	Red Deer
14	Alberta Military Pageant	Red Deer
15	Alberta Armed Forces Caravan	Caroline
16	Alberta Armed Forces Caravan	Bashaw
16	Swim Meet—Interplayground Centennial Competition	Red Deer
17	Alberta Armed Forces Caravan	Camrose
17	Horticultural Societies Centennial One Day Flower Show	Stony Plain
19	Alberta Armed Forces Caravan	Vermilion
19	Historical Pageant by Canadian Armed Forces	Vermilion
19	Centennial Fair and Stampede Day	Claresholm
19-20	Centennial Day Celebrations	Rycroft
20	Confederation Caravan	Rycroft
21	Alberta Armed Forces Caravan	Wainwright
21	Armed Forces Pageant	Drumheller
22	Confederation Caravan	Fairview
23	Confederation Caravan	Grimshaw
24	Confederation Caravan	Peace River
24-25	Alberta Armed Forces Caravan	Jasper
24-25	Military Pageant	Jasper

24	"The Travellers"	Peace River
25-27	Confederation Caravan	Lloydminster
26	Confederation Caravan	High Level
26	Horse Show and Centennial Celebrations —Opening of Centennial Park	Stavely
26-28	Alberta Armed Forces Caravan	Banff
28	Official Opening of Centennial Project— Bear Creek Park	Grande Prairie

## SEPTEMBER

1	Provincial Confederation Day Ceremonies	Edmonton
1	Special Alberta Day Ceremonies	Calgary
1	Opening of Centennial Building	Edmonton
2	Alberta Armed Forces Caravan	Drumheller
2	Centennial Square Dance Jamboree	Stettler
3- 4	Alberta Armed Forces Caravan	Medicine Hat
3- 4	Coinerama Coin Club	Medicine Hat
4- 9	1967 Centennial Totem Pole Golf Tournament	Jasper
4	Centennial Sports Spectacular	Red Deer
4- 5	Armed Forces Pageant	Medicine Hat
5	Centennial Invitational Swim Meet	Red Deer
6- 7	Alberta Armed Forces Caravan	Pincher Creek
7	Confederation Caravan	Ft. Vermilion
8	Alberta Armed Forces Caravan	Blairmore
8	Confederation Caravan	Manning
9	Alberta Armed Forces Caravan	Coaldale
9	Confederation Caravan	McLennan
9	Centennial Day	High Level
9	Centennial Loop Sports Car Rally— National Event	Calgary
9	Military Tattoo and Band Concert	Coaldale
10	Confederation Caravan	High Prairie
11	Alberta Armed Forces Caravan	Picture Butte
12	Alberta Armed Forces Caravan	Vauxhall
12	Confederation Caravan	Slave Lake
13	Alberta Armed Forces Caravan	Brooks
13	Confederation Caravan	Athabasca
13	100 Years of Musical Comedy	Medicine Hat
14	Confederation Caravan	Lac La Biche
14-16	100 Years of Musical Comedy	Lethbridge
15	Alberta Armed Forces Caravan	Strathmore
15	Civic Centennial Celebration	Grand Centre
15	Confederation Caravan	Cold Lake
16	Alberta Armed Forces Caravan	Airdrie
16	Confederation Caravan	Grand Centre
16	Red Knight	Sylvan Lake
16-18	MAC 14 Theatre—100 Years of Musical Comedy	Calgary
17	Alberta Armed Forces Caravan	Sundre
17	Red Knight	Bowden
17-19	Confederation Caravan	Bonnyville
18-20	Edmonton Allied Arts Council—Anne of Green Gables	Edmonton
18	Red Knight	Bonnyville
19	Alberta Armed Forces Caravan	Castor
19	New York Philharmonic Orchestra	Calgary
19	Red Knight	Castor
20-21	Confederation Caravan	St. Paul

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## SEPTEMBER

20	Alberta Armed Forces Caravan	Killam
20	Red Knight	Killam
22	Confederation Caravan	Vilna
22	Red Knight	Vilna
22	New York Philharmonic Orchestra	Edmonton
23	Confederation Caravan	Smoky Lake
23	Musical—Anne of Green Gables	Calgary
24	Confederation Caravan	Redwater
25	Alberta Armed Forces Caravan	Athabasca
25	Centennial White Heather Concert	Medicine Hat
26-27	Confederation Caravan	Westlock
26	Festival Canada—100 Years of Musical Comedy	Drayton Valley
27	Alberta Armed Forces Caravan	Redwater
27	National Rugby Match—Alberta vs. England	Calgary
28	Alberta Armed Forces Caravan	Ft. Saskatchewan
28	Touring Young Artists	Lethbridge
28-29	Confederation Caravan	Barrhead
29	Alberta Armed Forces Caravan	Sherwood Park
30	Alberta Armed Forces Caravan	Stony Plain
30	Confederation Caravan	Morinville
30	One Hundred Years of Musical Comedy	Peace River

## OCTOBER

1- 3	Confederation Caravan	Ft. Saskatchewan
4- 5	Confederation Caravan	Vegreville
5	Air Show—Featuring the RCAF's Centennaires	Grande Prairie
5- 7	Barkerville Western Vaudeville	Lethbridge
6	Confederation Caravan	Myrnam
7- 8	Confederation Caravan	Vermilion
7- 8	Parade, Fly Past, Trooping of Colours	Vermilion
7	Golden Centennaires	Lloydminster
7	Edmonton - Miners Centennial Ball	Edmonton
8	Golden Centennaires Air Show	Cold Lake
8-10	Confederation Caravan	Vermilion
9	Golden Centennaires	St. Paul
9-11	Confederation Caravan	Wainwright
9-10	Special Thanksgiving Day Program	Calgary
9-10	National Theatre Britain (Sir Lawrence Olivier)	Edmonton
9	Golden Centennaires	St. Paul
12	Confederation Caravan	Viking
12-14	East Lethbridge Rotary Club Centennial Horse Show	Lethbridge
13-17	Confederation Caravan	Camrose

13-14	Ukrainian Canadian Committee	Edmonton
13	Barkerville Musical	Medicine Hat
13-14	Centennial Championship Cat Show	Calgary
14	Calgary - Miners Centennial Ball	Calgary
18	Confederation Caravan	Hardisty
19	Confederation Caravan	Provost
20	Centennial Band Concert	Taber
20	Confederation Caravan	Coronation
21	Confederation Caravan	Consort
22-23	Confederation Caravan	Oyen
24-25	Confederation Caravan and Official Opening of Community Centre	Hanna
26	Confederation Caravan	Castor
27-29	Confederation Caravan	Stettler
28	Lethbridge - Miners Centennial Ball	Lethbridge
31	Confederation Caravan	Three Hills

## NOVEMBER

1- 2	Confederation Caravan	Drumheller
1- 2	Parade, Fly Past, Trooping of Colours	Drumheller
1- 2	Edmonton Allied Arts Council—Roland Petit Ballet	Edmonton
17	Edmonton Public School Board—Centennial Pageant	Edmonton

## DECEMBER

1	Holiday Theatre (Festival Canada)	Medicine Hat
1- 2	National Ballet of Canada	Edmonton
2	Lethbridge Musical Theatre	Lethbridge
3- 5	National Ballet of Canada	Calgary
4- 5	National Ballet Company	Calgary
11-13	Holiday Theatre	Edmonton
14	Holiday Theatre	Red Deer
14	Festival Canada on Tour	Stettler
15-16	Holiday Theatre	Calgary
18	Holiday Theatre	Lethbridge
18	Holiday Theatre	Camrose
19	Holiday Theatre	Medicine Hat
21-22	Holiday Theatre	Calgary
25	Christmas Day	
29	Centennial Wind-Up Ball	Calgary
30	Centennial Wind Up	Red Deer
31	Interdenominational Church Service	Red Deer
31	Centennial Closing Celebrations	Rycroft


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